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For: OPTICAL FERRULE AND MOLDING METHOD THEREFOR, AND
OPTICAL CONNECTOR USING THIS OPTICAL FERRULE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF
THE PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN ABANDONED APPLICATION
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.137(b)

1. Applicant submits this declaration in support of the petition for revival of the above-referenced application Serial No. 09/720,235 that was unintentionally abandoned due to failure to transmit a response to the Office Action of May 17, 2002.

2. The undersigned is an attorney of record in the above-referenced patent application and a copy of the power of attorney appointing the undersigned attorney, Daniel Basov, and other attorneys at Chadbourne & Parke LLP to prosecute the above-identified application that was filed in the PTO is enclosed with this petition for revival.

3. The applicants did not intend to abandon the above-identified application and provided instructions to prepare a response to the Office Action of May 17, 2002.

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4. Due to an inadvertent error in processing of mail, these instructions had been misplaced and were not received by the undersigned attorney in time to prepare a response and file it with the U.S. Patent Office prior to the expiration of the six (6) month deadline of November 17, 2002.

5. On behalf of the applicant, the undersigned hereby declares that said patent application was unintentionally abandoned and its revival pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) is respectfully requested.

6. The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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